

**Sterling Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Monday, February 22, 2016
Community Room – 6:00 pm
“EXCELLENCE WITH KINDNESS”**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by R. Theroux-Keech, Board Chair.

Present were: R. Theroux-Keech, B. Salisbury, L. Shippee, B. Salisbury, R. Choquette and K. Fantoli arrived at 6:10 pm.

Also in attendance were: B. Needham, S. Ternowchek, B. Boyd and D. Covey arrived at 6:05 pm.

Audience of Citizens: J. Proulx, J. Lupo, F. Lupo, C. Kettle, J. Angelone, H. Wood, B. Schena and S. Williams.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Audience of Citizens

J. Proulx heard that there was going to be no National Junior Honor Society and asked if it were true. She also asked about High Honors program and if the school will have any enrichment programs.

CAPSS Awards: Blake Deslauriers – did not attend was ill.

Francesca Lupo – was introduced and received picture from ceremony.

IV. Reports and Communications

A. Correspondence –

1. Letter from Virginia Collins, retired teacher, regarding her insurance checks
2. Letter from Beverly Boyd regarding her contract

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of January 20, 2016
2. Superintendent’s February Report – Board members questioned if the reconciliation and audit were finished.
3. Director of Special Services/Early Education’s February Report
4. Principal’s February Report
5. Budget and Expense Report for January, 2016

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

C. Liaison Plainfield Board of Education Report – R. Choquette attended the meeting. They did not have a quorum so no business could be conducted. The band was there in their new uniforms. They have a student M. Donnley who received a national trumpet award. The security team gave a report.

VI. Old Business

A. 2016-17 Budget

A discussion was held about the proposed 2016-17 budget. The 2014-15 figures are unaudited figures. There are a few mistakes that need to be fixed.

VII. New Business

A. Approval of Teacher Retirement

A motion was made by R. Choquette and seconded by B. Salisbury to accept the retirement of Michael Giza with deep regret. Vote: All in favor.

B. Approval of 2016-17 School Calendar

A motion was made by B. Salisbury and seconded by K. Fantoli to approve the 2016-17 school calendar as presented. Vote: All in favor.

C. First Reading Policies:

1. #1140 – Community Relations – Distribution of Material by Students
2. #1212 – Community Relations – School Volunteers
3. #3542.1 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Charge Procedure
4. #3542.22 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Food Service Personnel – Code of Conduct
5. #6172.12 – Instruction – Magnet Schools

VIII. Audience of Citizens - None

IX. Executive Session – Legal and Negotiations

A motion was made by L. Shippee and seconded by K. Fantoli to go into executive session for the purpose of Legal and Negotiations. Vote: All in favor.

Present during executive session were: B. Needham, D. Covey, R. Theroux-Keech, B. Salisbury, K. Fantoli, R. Choquette, L. Shippee and D. Capobianco.

D. Covey left executive session at 8:00 pm.
B. Boyd entered executive session at 8:20 pm.
L. Shippee left the meeting at 8:30 pm.
B. Salisbury left the meeting at 8:35 pm.
The Board exited executive session at 8:40 pm.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by D. Capobianco and seconded by K. Fantoli to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Vote: All in favor.